

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JANETTA SCONIERS,

CASE NO. 1:11-cv-00113-LJO-SMS

Plaintiff,

ORDER TO ATTORNEY RALSTON L. COURTNEY TO SHOW CAUSE WHY HE SHOULD NOT BE HELD IN CONTEMPT FOR FAILURE TO PAY SANCTIONS

v.

FRESNO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT,  
et al.,

Date: April 11, 2012  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Courtroom 1

Defendants.

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On December 13, 2011, this Court sanctioned Attorney Ralston Courtney pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 11 for failing to conduct a reasonable and competent inquiry regarding (a) Plaintiff's motives for proceeding with the complaint; (2) the legal sufficiency of the asserted claims; and (c) the factual sufficiency of the asserted claims (Doc. 71). The Court ordered Courtney to pay a penalty of \$5000.00 to the Court's Nonappropriated Fund no later than January 14, 2012 (Doc.71). Courtney has neither appealed the Court's order nor paid the penalty.

This Court HEREBY ORDERS that Attorney Ralston L. Courtney appear at a hearing set for 10:00 a.m., April 11, 2012, before the Honorable Sandra M. Snyder, United States Magistrate Judge, in Courtroom 1 of the Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse, 2500 Tulare Street, Fresno, California, prepared to show cause why he should not be held in civil contempt for failure to pay the court-ordered sanction. Courtney is advised that failure to appear at the time and place designated in this Order may result in his being adjudged in contempt.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

**Dated:** February 29, 2012

/s/ Sandra M. Snyder  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE